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1. LAO EMBASSY BANGKOK, NOW WITH SIX PERSONNEL, IS CONTINUING TO SHRINK. LATEST MEMBER APPLYING FOR REFUGEE STATUS WITH US IS THIRD SECRETARY SENG DARA KEOVILAY (VISA FALCON AND BIO DATA TRANSMITTED REFS B AND C), WHO HAS INFORMED FRIENDLY JOURNALIST THAT SHE IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO LAOS TO ATTEND SEMINAR AT THE END OF THE MONTH. SHE IS EXPECTED TO DEPART FOR THE U.S. IN EARLY AUGUST. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO NUMBER TWO EMBOFF KHAMPHETH SYHANATH, WHOSE REFUGEE APPLICATION IS AWAITING FINAL CLEARANCE FROM WASHINGTON AND WHO HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT HIS ASSIGNMENT TO BANGKOK LASTS ONLY UNTIL THE END OF JUL, AT WHICH TIME HE IS REASSIGNED TO VIENTIANE.

2. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH LAO EMBOFFS, THERE APPEAR TO BE NO REPLACEMENTS IN THE PIPELINE FOR THE DEPARTED OR DEPARTING OFFICERS. CHARGE KATH DITTHAVONG HAS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED HIS GOVERNMENT TO NAME AN AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND TO REPLACE OUAN SNITH, WHO LEFT FOR FRANCE IN JAN, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. LAO EMBOFFS

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EXPECT THAT ONE WILL BE NAMED AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER

PHICHA'S IMMINENT VISIT TO VIENTIANE. INTERESTINGLY,
THIS IS ALSO THE TIME THAT THAILAND IS CHOOSING TO
REPLACE ITS AMBASSADOR, SAWET KOMONPHUTI, TRANSFERRING
HIM TO ITALY.
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